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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Baback Moghaddam :  
Application S/N 09/444,689 : Art Unit: 2623  
Filed: November 22, 1999 : Examiner: Colin M. Larose  
For: GENDER CLASSIFICATION WITH SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINES

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the final Official Action dated December 30, 2002, the time for response to which has been extended one month, up to and including April 30, 2003, please amend the above referenced application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 9.